Sub-division of lands and hindrances to Agriculture.

323. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): Are the Government aware that minute sub-divisions of land that have been and are going on at present affect injuriously the agricultural industry of the State; if so, will they be pleased to state whether any proposal intended to counteract this evil and to safeguard this industry is likely to engage their attention in the near future?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The Government are not aware that the subdivision of holdings injuriously affects the agricultural industry of the State. No such proposals as are referred to by the Member are engaging the attention of the Government at present. They are not in a position to say now if they are likely to engage their attention in the near future.

Interpellations asked and answered during the Karkatakam Session in 1100.

324. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state the number of interpellations admitted for answer during the last Budget Session and the number answered?

(*b*) In respect of the few or many, as the case may be, that have been left unanswered, will the Government be pleased to state how these happened to be left behind or ignored?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) 294 interpellations were admitted and answers to 173 were got ready and included in the list of questions and answers furnished each day. But through the absence of some of the members, only 151 have been included in the Proceedings.

(*b*) The Member is referred to the answer to interpellation asked by Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai on the 20th April 1926. No interpellation is ignored. But when the prorogation of the session occurs before adequate information for an answer is obtainable, some questions must necessarily lapse. These are taken up again and answered, if renewed by the Members.

Pay of the Sanitary Commissioner.

325. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): (*a*) When was the pay of the post of the Sanitary Commissioner raised from Rs. 500 to Rs. 600 and when was it lowered to Rs. 300 rising to Rs. 400?

(*b*) What was the interval between the raising of the pay from Rs. 500 to Rs. 600 and the lowering of the same to Rs. 300?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The pay of the then incumbent of the office of the Sanitary Commissioner was raised from Rs. 500 to Rs. 600 with effect from the 11th Karkatakam 1095, and the pay of the appointment was fixed at Rs. 300-400 with effect from the 10th Makaram 1100.

(*b*) Four and a half years.

LIBRARY ARCHIVES Kerala Legislative Assembly